



We are honored you have chosen to join us in worship. There is a time in our service when we will welcome guests; we will not, however, ask you to stand, raise your hand or do anything that makes you feel awkward. We would like to know you were here, however. Please fill out the information request below and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher or minister. We promise to use it only to contact you about our church.

This is my (our)...
___ First visit to First Baptist Church
___ Second (+) visit

Name _____

Spouse's Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

E-mail _____

Marital Status
___ Married ___ Single ___ Widow(er)

Telephone _____

Children at Home (Name/Age/Grade)

___ I am new to Rome.
___ I am interested in knowing more about First Baptist Church.
___ I would like to talk with a minister.
___ I would like to know how to become a Christian.
___ I am a guest of:

Sunday, July 8
9:00 a.m. Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Choir Suite
11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, July 9
12:00 p.m. Properties Meeting - Conference Room

Tuesday, July 10
5:30 p.m. Discovery Team - Conference Room
6:00 p.m. Children's Bowling (Rising 3rd through 6th Grader) - Floyd Bowling

Wednesday, July 11
1:00 p.m. Youth World Play Session III - Youth Room
6:00 p.m. Children's Popsicles & Play - Town Green

Thursday, July 12
6:45 a.m. Men's Bible Study - MSP Law Office
10:00 a.m. Summer Fun Days

Friday, July 13
12:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting - Conference Room

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor and recognition of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Ann and Floyd Roebuck and their ministry and service to First Baptist Church. Given with love by Dan and Judy Roebuck, Jon and Linda Roebuck and families.

TLC: We need help with Sunday worship care for children birth through four years old. It is a commitment of only four times per year, and we are able to accommodate preferences for the age you would like to work with. Please email Kristen at kpope@fbcrome.org if you are able to volunteer.

POPSICLES & PLAY: Join us on the Town Green Wednesday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m. to run through the water fountains, chalk the sidewalks, and play outdoor games. Popsicles will be provided to help us cool off!

SUMMER POOL PARTY: Families and children, join us at Northside Swim Center on Sunday, July 15 from 2:00 until 5:00 p.m. to cool off with a splash!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: For those who had their photos made for the directory, your free directory is available for pick up. For those who did not have their photos taken or for those who want extra directories, copies may be purchased for \$10 each. Church members may also access the mobile version for free.

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A Service of Christian Worship
July 8, 2018



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROME, GEORGIA

July 8, 2018

11:00 a.m.

To help maintain a spirit of worship, please silence cell phones. We welcome a larger congregation through Comcast Channel 44 and through the livestream over the church website.

Chiming of the Hour

Prelude Beverly Harris/Joan Hill
 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”...arr. Joel Raney
 (Please use this time to pray for yourself, for others, and for this service.)

Invocation Kristen Pope
 We have powerful hands and feet. Lord, what are You calling these hands and feet to do?

Our world needs God’s healing touch and restoration. Wherever our journey goes, God is with us. Yes, we are seeking God’s healing touch. We are being sent forth to do your will!

With these hands and feet, God is healing hearts, transforming lives, renewing souls, raising us from death, and granting this new day!

Yes, we are seeking God’s healing touch! Send forth a new witness of faith to all the world!

What is our call today? We will worship an awesome God who sends forth healing to a dark world.

Let us worship God this day as new life comes forth in the name of Jesus Christ!

*Hymn of Praise No. 19 FOREST GREEN
 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Call to Confession Len Willingham, leader (Isaiah 30:15,18)
 In repentance and rest is our salvation, in quietness and trust is our strength, but we would have none of it.

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to us; He rises to show us compassion.

For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!

A Time for Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness . . . Nancy Ratcliffe, soprano
 “He’s Always Been Faithful”...Sara Groves

Reading of Holy Scripture. Mark 6:1-13
 (The text may be found on page 995 of the Bible in the pew racks.)

Ernie Smith, reader

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 704)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Morning Prayer (with The Lord’s Prayer) Tamara Tillman Smathers
 Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Testimony No. 640 SHOWALTER
 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
 (Children through second grade may depart for Children’s Worship.)

Musical Offering. Sanctuary Choir
 “If My People Will Pray”...Jimmy Owens
 (The text to this anthem is transcribed from 2 Chronicles 7:14)

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray.

If my people, which are called by my name shall seek my face,
 and turn from their wicked ways;

then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves,
 and pray I will forgive their sins and heal their land.

Sermon Rev. Smathers
 “Unencumbered”

*Hymn of Response No. 520. AZMON
 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

*Prayer of Stewardship Dr. Jim Bradshaw

Offertory. Beverly Harris
 “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”...arr. Lavawan Riley

Meditation Text:

I like the encouragement that Jesus gives us for the work He has planned for us: Don’t think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment. We are the means of His grace. We are the voice of His message. We are the healing of His hands. We are His ambassadors. And so we need to start living up to His calling. We need to start living the Kingdom life that marks us out as His disciples, His servants, His children. —Neil Chappell

The Work of the Church Tamara Tillman Smathers

Welcome to New Members of the Church Family

*Pastoral Blessing and Passing of the Peace

*Commissioning Hymn No. 520 (Stanza Four). AZMON
 “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.

God’s Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus’ name.

*Postlude. Joan Hill
 “Intro and March on LAUDA ANIMA”...arr. Brenda Portman

Call to Confession. The invocation and hymn of praise allow us to see ourselves as God sees us. We are aware of our sin and cannot ignore it. We must presume upon God’s grace for forgiveness. To fail to own up to our sin is dishonest and causes more problems in our relationship. The time of confession allows us to acknowledge the ways we have fallen short of following God’s way. This silent prayer is followed by the assurance of God’s forgiving love.

Children’s Worship. Children ages four through second grade are invited to Children’s Worship on the second floor of the Education Building. Parents may pick up their children there following worship.

Joining First Baptist. We receive new members in several ways. Those who have never publicly acknowledged Christ as Lord join by public profession of faith. Baptism is scheduled for a later date. Members of other Baptist congregations may transfer their membership to our congregation. We handle the details of contacting your current church. Members of other Christian faith traditions are invited to join by “statement of faith.” Because other traditions vary in belief and practice, those joining by statement of faith are invited to speak with a minister before joining so that they might answer questions.

Recording. All services are recorded and may be viewed on our website. If you would like a video or audio copy of today’s service, please call the office.

Safety. Safe zones for severe weather are in preschool hallways for children and the Fellowship Hall for the congregation. If there is a need to evacuate the building, parents should pick up children at the city bus parking lot on the far side of First Presbyterian Church.

Prayer Concerns. (Please place in offering plate or hand to an usher or minister.)

Matt DuVall, Pastor

Keith A. Reaves, Senior Associate/Minister of Worship

Tamara Tillman Smathers
 Minister of Education/Administration

John H. Uldrick, Minister to Students and Missions

Kristen Pope, Minister of Faith Development

Gwen Stephens, Ministry Assistant

Beverly Harris, Pianist Joan Hill, Organist